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SUBJECT: JULY 21 PRESS ROUNDUP

PLEASE PASS TO AMB PAUL C. WARNKE

1. HEDRICK SMITH OF NEW YORK TIMES SAID PRESIDENT CARTER, IN HIS ADDRESS JULY 21 IN CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, WILL SEEK TO CREATE MORE POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE FOR DEALING WITH MOSCOW. SMITH QUOTED WELL-PLACED GOVERNMENT SOURCES AS SAYING DECISION TO MAKE SPEECH SHOWS THAT ADMINISTRATION IS CONCERNED ABOUT SOURING OF RELATIONS AND SENSES NEED TO ASSURE NOT ONLY RUSSIANS BUT WESTERN ALLIES THAT MR. CARTER HAS LONG-TERM STRATEGY TOWARD SOVIET UNION. SMITH SAID MAJOR OBJECTIVE "IS TO BREAK OUT OF PRESENT PROPAGANDA EXCHANGES AND TO PROVIDE SOME STABILITY BY LAYING OUT MR. CARTER'S UNDERLYING PHILOSOPHY AND LONG-TERM OBJEC-
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TIVES." SMITH POINTED OUT "NEITHER MR. CARTER NOR HIS ADVISERS SEE NEED NOW FOR ANNOUNCING NEW PROPOSALS. BUT OFFICIALS ARE HOPEFUL THAT BALANCED, THOUGHTFUL SPEECH MAY PROVIDE NEW THRUST FOR NEGOTIATIONS ALREADY UNDER WAY ON ARMS CONTROL, COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST BAN AND DEMILITARIZATION OF INDIAN OCEAN."

2. CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR PUBLISHED REUTER REPORT FROM BRUSSELS QUOTING NATO INTELLIGENCE SOURCES AS SAYING SOVIET UNION IS BUILDING HIGH TOWERS NEAR ITS BORDERS IN MOVE APPARENTLY LINKED TO FUTURE DEPLOYMENT OF AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILES. TOWERS, WHICH SOURCES SAID WERE HUNDREDS OF FEET HIGH, ARE BELIEVED TOPPED WITH MOST MODERN RADAR SYSTEMS SOVIET UNION CAN MAKE, DISPATCH REPORTED. DISPATCH QUOTED SOURCES AS SAYING SOVIET PROGRAM TO BUILD TOWERS ALREADY WAS UNDER WAY AT TIME OF PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO CANCEL B-ONE IN FAVOR OF CRUISE MISSILE, WHICH SKIMS EARTH'S CONTOURS ENROUTE TO ITS TARGET. TOWERS, THEREFORE, MUST BE DESIGNED FOR USE AGAINST EITHER B-ONE OR CRUISE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO FLY LOW IN THEIR FINAL ATTACK PHASE.

3. GODFREY SPERLING JR OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR REPORTED THAT B-ONE MAY BE DEAD, BUT IDEA OF MANNED BOMBER STILL ALIVE. "WHITE HOUSE AIDE SAYS THERE MIGHT WELL BE ANOTHER SUCH BOMBER TO REPLACE B-52 WHEN IT REACHES VERY OUTER EDGES OF ITS USEFULNESS IN LATE 1980S," SPERLING REPORTED. "AND FROM PENTAGON COMES INFORMATION THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT, AT THIS POINT, 'VERY IFFY.'"

4. NEW YORK TIMES REPORTED THAT FEDERAL AGENTS IN MIAMI ARRESTED AMERICAN AND WEST GERMAN ON BASIS OF INFORMATION THAT THEY HAD BEEN SUPPLYING COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSORTMENT OF SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER DATA. IN AFFIDAVIT FILED IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN MIAMI, FBI AGENT SAID TWO MEN HAD DISCUSSED DELIVERY OF CRUISE MISSILE COMPONENTS TO SOVIET AGENTS BASED IN CUBA, AMONG OTHER PLOTS. NO EVIDENCE, HOWEVER, WAS PRESENTED BY GOVERNMENT TO SUGGEST THAT TWO MEN ACTUALLY HAD ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED SYSTEMS DATA OF CRUISE MISSILE.

5. IN COMPROMISE AIMED AT AVERTING VETO, HOUSE-SENATE CONFEREES AGREED TO DROP FROM NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S PUBLIC WORKS MONEY BILL FUNDS FOR CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR, WASHINGTON POST REPORTED. VANCE

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